

**San Francisco Marina Harbor Association
Membership meeting November 15th, 2018
Golden Gate Yacht Club**

DRAFT Minutes - 23 members in attendance plus Harbormaster Scott Grindy

Approved minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting (meeting held January 18, 2018)

Paul Manning reported approximately \$6000 in the bank

The following were elected as Officers and Directors for 2018:

Paul Manning, President paul.manning@vce.com

Bruce Stone*, VP, Sec and Treasurer bruce@brucestone.com

Albert Wetter, Director albert@awetter.com

Randy Hietter, Director rhietter@myastound.net

Greg Meagher, Director gwmeagher@gmail.com

*Not in attendance

SF Marina Harbor Master Scott Grindy spoke about the following:

1. In January, Dockwa will be available as a worldwide guest reservation system where boaters can review the types of berths available and reserve one a few days ahead of their arrival. Only credit cards will be accepted (for security purposes) and guests will need to provide proof of insurance and registration: <https://dockwa.com/>
2. Scott formed the Bay Area Marina Operators (BAMO) organization. This is a group of Bay Area harbormasters and marina operators working with police as a way of communicating what is happening. They can advise each other, for example, on the criminal activity that is taking place in their marinas such as meth labs, theft etc. Charging for electricity is one way to monitor that activity and is how the Marina was able to identify meth activity in the harbor.
3. AirBnB – there is a concern that people are listing their boats on AirBnB.
4. Berthing Terminations – Scott reported an increase in these due to a more attention being paid due to lack of payment, abandoned boats (e.g. owner dies) etc. Five boats are planned for demolition and an additional 7 are in process of removal due to lack of payment.
5. Boat Services Contractors – For improved security, a change will take place where contractors will need to register at the beginning of the day with the Harbormaster's office. They will have to be on an approved contractors list to gain access to the docks.
6. West gates – Keys (physical?) will be replaced (with some electronic system?) and you will have to go to the Harbormasters office if you haven't paid to gain access.
7. Dumpsters in the East Harbor are now gone. Garbage cans have been installed inside the East Harbor gates. West Harbor dumpster will be padlocked.
8. Flare disposal program is planned for 2019. Scott asks that flares not be thrown into the garbage cans.
9. Parking lot restriping is underway.
10. Staffing – Tom Anderson has been made Associate Manager, Tracy Summers is acting Business Manager – Lisa has transferred to the Water Department.
11. Holiday event sponsored by the Marina Community Association is scheduled for December 14th.
12. Gran Prix, an America's Cup event, is scheduled for the first week of May in 2019.

13. Vessel Turn-in Program (VTIP) is underway now with a \$100K grant from the state. This funding is being shared with other marinas to get abandoned boats out of the marinas.
14. Waterline repairs for leaks are underway in East and West harbors.
15. Dredging permit has been approved. Dredging will occur in January. Since this is predicted to be an El Nino year they anticipate a greater buildup of sand. They will also be adding riprap to GGYC road by crane.
16. Lights to guide boaters are being planned. Completion is planned by July.
17. Degaussing station is being converted to the new Marina office. Funding for this project is coming from another source – not the harbor operating or capital projects funds. The existing office will be converted to use by boaters. It will have an ice machine, possibly a washer. Planning is still underway.
18. There is a concern about boats speeding in West Harbor channel.
19. Power Rings are under consideration. These are stainless rings with floatation in the middle.
20. Occupancy is 98% for West Harbor and 75% for East Harbor.
21. Long term management strategy is being developed for dredging in the bay and where spoils are dumped.
22. Illegal Charters – The Coast Guard is aggressively pursuing unlicensed charter operators.

The meeting was then opened up for questions:

Wifi – Members and Scott Grindy expressed an interest in this. There is fiberoptic cable installed next to the Harbormaster’s office but it is not the Marina’s and there may be interference issues. Scott recommended that STFYC or GGYC take this on.

East Harbor – Scott indicated that there will be plenty of notice given when and if boats need to be moved. There are a number of closed-session meetings taking place between the City and PGE on the future of the East Harbor and the cleanup work PGE needs to perform.

Parking Placards - This project is still in process. There is concern that commuters are filling up the Harbor parking.

Harbor Fund and Accounting - Paul Manning then reported that we are still working with the City to get accurate accounting and reporting of the Harbor Fund. Since the City converted to a new accounting software system there have been problems getting accurate reports throughout multiple City Departments. The SFMHA is working with the City’s Recreation and Parks Finance Director, Derek Chu, on this. In the last meeting in held with them this past September, they were unable to provide us with any meaningful and accurate Harbor Funds reporting. They agreed to update us on their progress within three to four months.

Possessory Interest Tax - Paul Manning discussed the possessory interest issue pointing out that berthholders have a license agreement for only one year yet the possessory interest calculation is based upon a nine year license term. For a 40ft boat the current tax is \$275/yr versus \$75/yr if calculated on the one year license term.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM